

Everyday Faith Daily Reflections and other resources

Guildford Cathedral has restarted some of its services. Like the local parish churches, they need to be mindful of the Coronavirus restrictions. They have a programme of services available on their website: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/renewal-reform/setting-gods-people-free/everyday-faith>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

<https://taketime.org.uk/>

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

Church House Publishing have created a shortened form of the Daily Prayer App for life on the go. Follow the link to access the App <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley,
Shackleford and Peper Harow
Sunday 16th August 2020
Trinity 10



St Mary's Patronal at Shackleford Church

9.30 am

(limited numbers so pre booking essential)

ZOOM Service – gather from 9.50am and start at 10am

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Shackleford - Vacant

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Using Technology: **Note the changed meeting ID number**

We gather from 9.50am and the service will start at 10am

ZOOM service Sunday at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=UlhUUFQ2bjRlSWVhbjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: ETSPH

Dial in via your telephone

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Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: 262018

We have a new website: <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/>



Coming up this month

- Sunday 16th August Trinity 10
9.30am Patronal Festival at St. Mary's Shackleford
10 am Zoom Service, Service of the Word with Spiritual Communion
2.30-4.30pm Private Prayer at St James', Elstead
- Thursday 20th
2.30-4.30pm Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
- Sunday 23rd Trinity 11
10 am Integrated Zoom and Physical from St. James', Elstead
2.30-4.30pm Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
- Thursday 27th
2.30-4.30pm Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
- Sunday 30th Trinity 12
9.30 am Service of Word with Communion - St Michael and All Angels, Thursley
10 am Zoom Service of the Word
2.30-4.30pm Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
- Tuesday 1st
7 pm 3 Parishes joint PCC meeting on Vision
- Thursday 3rd September
2.30-4.30pm Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
- Friday 4th
2 pm Prayers for Healing by zoom
- Sunday 6th Trinity 13
8 am CW Communion
10 am Harvest Festival, St James' Elstead. Integrated Zoom and Physical from St James', Elstead
2.30-4.30 pm Private Prayer at St James' Elstead
- Monday 14th
7 pm Elstead Worship Committee
- Tuesday 15th
7 pm Thursley PCC

Our concerns:

Lord we pray for those injured and those bereaved this week. We pray for those involved in the train crash in Aberdeenshire and in the disaster in Beirut. Bring them healing. Give strength, courage and compassion to all who come to their aid. We ask for quick solutions to the medical needs, and provisions of food and shelter. We pray for all who mourn the loss of their family or loved ones.



Give us wisdom and patience as we are reopening the churches. Help us to find safe ways, following the guidance, as to come together physically as worshipping communities. As we engage with others, help us to be wise and careful in observing social distancing.

As the summer holidays arrive for many Lord be with our children and families as they find ways to rest, refresh and restore themselves whilst having fun and remaining safe. We pray for those receiving exam results this week and the future of our children who have lost so much school time this year.

We pray for Scientists and researchers working around the world to find a vaccine and better treatments for Covid-19. We pray for a breakthrough in this important work.

We pray for those who are still shielding and those who are worried about going out, give them your peace.

We also pray for those struggling to cope with financial pressures because of the virus, praying for those who have been furloughed, for those who have been made redundant and those needing to use Foodbanks

We continue to pray for those who have been affected by Covid -19. We pray for those countries experiencing a new case of infections

We pray for your healing and restoration to all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit.

Christians far and wide:

We pray for Christians across the world who live with the fear of persecution. We pray for all religious leaders as they guide their communities through this pandemic.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Worplesdon, St Mary the Virgin and Wood Street Village, St Alban (Group Ministry with Wyke).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Scottish Episcopal Church. The Most Revd Mark Strange.

Our nation and our world:

We pray for our nation as it tries to get back to work even amid new infections and Covid 19 deaths.

Our neighbours:

All who live in Quarry Road, West Hill, West Hill close, Church View, Highcomb (Punch Bowl). We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages

For those who are unwell & those who have gone to their rest in you.

Revd Delia writes: the time has finally come when we reopen our churches, one by one, week by week at Shackleford for their Patronal service St Mary. In many ways that is where Jesus life on earth started with Mary and so we reflect on that as we enter this new start in our church life back in our buildings. That is not to say that everyone should come back to the building as it will be crucial or comfortable for many of our people to stay at home and avoid the inevitable risks of meeting up with people. And our Zoom service will continue every Sunday for as long as I can imagine for now. Yet just knowing that our Rector and others are going back into our sacred spaces will give us a renewed heart for our fellowship and sense of the Holy Spirit working in us and with us.

We need to give particular care this week to those who have not attended our Zoom services—would they like to come to a service in a church building and if so when? Or do they need encouragement and practical help to access the zoom service? I ask each of you to think of someone you have not seen on zoom, give them a call and talk about this with them.

from Carmina Gadelica

Each morning and each evening
let the peace of the Father, be ours.
Each day and each night
let the peace of the Son be ours.
Each dawn and each dusk
let the peace of the Spirit be ours.
Let the blessing of the three in one be ours;
both now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers for Healing Service Friday 4th September at 2pm by Zoom.

You are warmly invited to our ecumenical Prayers for Healing Service to pray by name for those in need of God's healing strength and peace for whatever reason whether for themselves or others. To comply with GDPR regulations please ask permission of others first or their relatives if appropriate.

All are welcome to join us for this important ministry.
For prayer requests, service sheet and Zoom link please email lindajennifer-chamberlain@gmail.com . We hope you can join us.

Readings

First Reading Isaiah 56:1. 6-8

Looking ahead to the restoration of Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet anticipates God's salvation extending beyond the people of Israel to all people.

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32

Paul explains that God will never reject God's own people, but has used their disobedience to bring everyone into the universal plan of salvation.

Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28

The Gospel is an exploration of who and what is acceptable to God, challenging Jesus' hearers in earthy illustrations and harsh words that can sound shocking to our ears.

Collect for today

Let your merciful ears O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Where to Put Our Attention

Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot cure. Somewhere we know that without a lonely place our actions quickly become empty gestures. The careful balance between silence and words, withdrawal and involvement, distance and closeness, solitude and community forms the basis of the Christian life and should, therefore, be the subject of our most personal attention.

Above all else, know this: Be prepared at all times for the gifts of God and be ready always for new ones. For God is a thousand times more ready to give than we are to receive

Meister Eckhart

The most important hour is always the present.

The most significant person is precisely the one sitting across from you right now.

The most necessary work is always love.

Meister Eckhart

Instead of asking, "what do I want from life?," a more powerful question is, "what does life want from me?"

Eckhart Tolle

Reopening Churches and Zoom Church

We will be opening Churches on a rota basis, moving around the parishes from the 16th August 2020. Starting with St Mary's, Shackleford at 9.30am.

We are starting at St Mary's as it is their Patronal Festival and I am on leave for the first two Sundays in August so we will only start when I return from leave. Because of the numbers of people who might like to come to the buildings, a booking system is in place. Details to be released 7 days before the service.

For booking for 16th August please contact Liza Gane
Lizagane@gmail.com 07796916941 before Saturday 15th.

We will also continue with our Zoom church each week at 10am for those who may still be shielding or in the vulnerable categories and for those not attending one of the buildings.

There is detailed guidance on how to prepare yourself to attend the church building entitled "**Returning to Worship in the Church Buildings**" this will be attached to the pewsheet email and be available in the church porches and on our website at <https://www.parishesofetsph.org.uk>

The copies of the risks assessments for the churches are available at <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/opening-churches-for-sunday-worship/>

Church of England advice on Face Coverings

Here is the latest advice from the Church of England about the wearing of face coverings in Churches.

Face coverings are currently mandatory in a range of indoor venues including Places of Worship and church halls. While there are exemptions this is a legal requirement. Those who are leading services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayer) do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn especially if physical distancing cannot be maintained. These exemptions are made to enable communication, particularly with those who rely on lip reading, facial expressions or clear sound; they do not exempt clergy and other leaders from wearing face coverings in other situations or during other activities.

Face coverings are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.